


REMARKS

Claims 7-24 are pending in the present application. In the April 13, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 22 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of copending Application No. 10/623,825, rejected Claims 7-24 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of copending Application No. 09/132,593, and rejected Claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, and 22 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of copending Application No. 09/271,024. The Applicants now file Terminal Disclaimers to overcome these rejections.¹ The Applicants believe the filing of said Terminal Disclaimers should permit the issuance of Claims 7-24.

All grounds of rejection of the Final Office Action of April 13, 2006 have been addressed and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that Applicant's claims should be passed into allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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¹ Applicants note that U.S. Patent Application No. 09/271,024 has now issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,029,691, issue date April 18, 2006. As such, the Applicants now file a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate a prior patent.